

INDIA SMASHES HUMAN-RIGHT VALUES TO SMITHEREENS

Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone, but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to cemetery: Malcolm X

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India says it has neutralised over 100,000 innocent men, women and children in cold blood. India does it all in the name of Hindutva ideology.

PARVEZ IMROZ THE LONE CRUSADER



A selfless, dedicated human rights lawyer and a civil rights activist, Parvez Imroz is internationally recognized for highlighting human right violations, disappearances, rapes and killings through organized fake encounters. Imroz ignoring great risk to his life has filed thousands of habeas corpus petitions on behalf of families whose relatives have disappeared while in custody of the Indian army and its Para-military forces. The plea of DNA testing of thousands of unmarked graves of people of all ages disappeared from torture chambers, fake encounters and indiscriminate arrests are brazenly rejected with threats issued of serious consequences. Indian army has been systematically obfuscating the truth and managing to sustain impunity for ongoing crimes.

GODSE WORSHIPERS - THE KILLERS OF GANDHI



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LICENCE TO KILL WITH IMPUNITY

One of the draconian laws Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) (tip of the iceberg) gives amnesty to Indian Army to shoot and kill anyone anywhere and a pretext is no compulsion or required. The insensitivity shown by International community to the plight of Kashmiris is puzzling allowing these hapless people to turn into psychological wrecks. Two generations are wiped out, the process continues and one fails to understand the behaviour of the followers of erstwhile non-violent Mahatma Gandhi. Kashmir is not a bilateral issue of two hostile nuclear nations but a human problem of rightful owners of the state of Kashmir.

The dangerous genocide law AFSPA is backed by other carefully extended more lethal oppressive and tyrannical laws to decimate a defenceless population to claim Kashmir as HINDU LAND.

INDIAN ARROGANCE CROSSES ALL LIMITS

Licensed Indian terrorism



The Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act [TADA] under which a person can be detained without formal charge or trial for up to one year for SUSPECTED TERRORIST or DISRUPTIVE activities, Court hearings must be conducted IN SECRET! The court has the power to keep the identity of any witness secret, including the accuser! Confessions are permissible as evidence if the police assure they were

obtained voluntarily.

The National Security Act [NSA], under which any person can be, detained WITHOUT CHARGE OR TRIAL for up to one year to prevent them from acting in a manner prejudicial to state security, the maintenance of public order, or relations with a foreign power.

The Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act [JKPSA] empowers India to detain persons without trial for up to FOUR YEARS for a broad range of activities, including such nebulous charges as promoting, propagating, or attempting to create feelings of enmity, hatred or disharmony on grounds of religion, race, community, or region.

The Armed Forces Special Powers Act [AFSPA] empowers Indian Army to search homes WITHOUT WARRANTS, make arrests without warrants, and destroy suspected hideouts of potential militants, and THE RIGHT TO SHOOT-TO-KILL with total immunity from prosecution. The draconian law (tip of the ice-berg) gives amnesty to Indian Army to shoot and kill anyone anywhere and a pretext is no compulsion. The insensitivity shown by International community to the plight of Kashmiris is puzzling allowing these hapless people to turn into psychological wrecks. Two generations are wiped out and the process continues. One fails to understand the behaviour of the followers of non-violent Gandhi whose non-violent slogan always ended in violence. Kashmir is not a bilateral issue of two hostile nuclear nations but a human problem of rightful owners of the state of Kashmir.

DEADLY MACHINES USED BY INDIA TO ANNIHILATE CIVILIANS



Kashmir, as we know, is going through difficult times, and the going seems tough as again speaking out the truth becomes real hard and at times impossible. In a vibrant democracy, freedom of press and right to information professed allows running of normal day to day affairs smoothly to a reasonable extent. On the contrary, the unpleasant issues like human right violations, indiscriminate killings, house searches backed by draconian laws, adds humiliation and resultant psychological problems for the effected populace, which become an embarrassment, especially under the watchful eyes of the international community.

Generally people with no other option depend on the information allowed for consumption and policy directions formulated and followed by the media circles in the broader national interest. People of India, unfortunately, are fed with information far from truth and proponents of democracy concept expect people to have the right to know everything about anything that happens on local or international level.

INDIA FIGHTS HOSTILE POPULATION WITH VENGEANCE

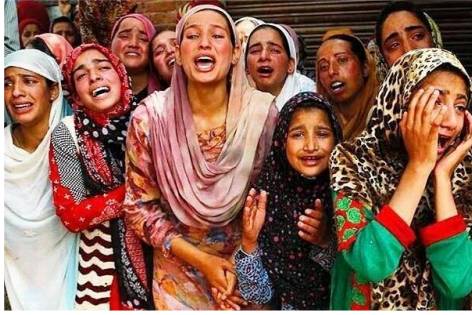
Even mothers are not safe from devouring eyes



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TRADITION OF RAPES USED AS WEAPON



British Foreign Secretary **William Hague** set to tackle Africa war rape on a fact finding mission to Africa gave him an opportunity to collect evidence to take to the foreign ministers of the G8 who meet in London on April 10, 2013. Mr Hague called for tougher action on warzone rapists citing such acts of sexual violence as breaching the Geneva Convention. Mr Hague is reportedly said: “Yet more often than not the international community looks away, the perpetrators of these brutal crimes walk free and the cycle of injustice and conflict is repeated”. *We have to shatter this culture of impunity.* Kashmir, which has suffered in bigger way hope and expected Mr Hague to remember them as well on G8 meet and not to look away and ignore suffering Kashmiris.

Over one million trigger happy armed men in uniform, who do not understand the language, culture, religion, ethos and behaviour, pounce on local population with vengeance and a mindset to eliminate the populace to occupy this rich paradise belonging to the poor inhabitants. It is amazing to find the GOOD PEOPLE of the world turning a blind eye to these atrocities committed with impunity. UN can see what happens in Syria, Libya or Iran but when it comes to Kashmir they look the other way and one wonders why?

More than one hundred thousand men, women and children killed in the last twenty seven years. An independent Kashmir can be a bridge and instrumental between two

hostile nuclear nations. Censorship imposed in Indian democracy conveniently and with suitability worsens the situations. Indian army makes sure to confine populace behind closed doors as millions on the roads create an embarrassing situation and international community is inclined to ask few questions.

HINDU RELIGIOUS TERRORISM



Fascists fill political agenda through religious terrorism. It is done at the cost of thousands of lives of defenceless and hapless people of Kashmir. Due to nuclear capabilities of warring countries of the sun-continent, the solution to this vexed problem with a fixed time frame can only be possible through tripartite talks giving main contenders, the people of Kashmir, the right to choose their future. Kashmiri Negotiators have to be extra careful not to get bogged down, to allow India drag the issue to result in fatigue and frustration.

Under the changed circumstances, Sir Owen Dixon’s plan can offer the basis for a settlement and regional plebiscite with inclusion of third option of an independent

Kashmir could be acceptable to all the parties and this cannot be done without the mediation of a neutral power or United Nations Organisation.

ORGANISED DISAPPEARANCES



A 354-page report compiled by the Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP) and the International People's Tribunal on Human Rights and Justice in Kashmir, analysed 214 cases of abuse and highlighted the role of officials in the killing of nearly 70 people and the disappearances of 8,000 people over two decades, BBC's Riyadh Masroor in Srinagar

says. The report names Indian military officials of very senior rank as perpetrators.

Japan News reports (December 12, 2013) that families of torture, rape victims and 8000 people disappeared in mysterious circumstances in a sit-in demanded justice from people responsible for such heinous crimes, highlighting systematic abuse, unjustified arrests, and perpetual harassment of local population. Abdul Rahim Dar, 80 year old heart patient of Sopor Kashmir died after the ambulance carrying him to hospital was stopped by army for continuous use of its siren. Such incidents are a daily occurrence and braving unprecedented harsh realities has made people receptive and enduring. In a spate of disappearances in and outside of the State of Kashmir, yet another young man of 24, Ishtiyahq Ahmed Shah mysteriously disappeared from a hotel in Jammu, a small hilly border town of Kashmir having sizeable Hindu population.

HUMAN RIGHT VIOLATION UNPRECEDENTED

Israel's pounding on Gaza witnessed a very strong reaction in Kashmir where hundreds of thousands of agitating people particularly youth faced Indian army bullets resulting in mortalities and leaving scores injured. Out of the whole Muslim world Kashmir bled because it understands what occupation, persecution and atrocities committed on civilians effectuates.

Whereas Nehru mesmerised then Kashmir's popular leader Sheikh Abdullah, Gandhi with his magic kept Begum Abdullah and family in good stead. Mahatma Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi through the prism of occupation saw a colourful ray coming out from Kashmir and played a role to make job easy for Pandit Nehru and the caucus around him.

Washington Post.com reported (April 14, 2014) that in a 20-hour gun battle Indian troops killed two militants and wounded also two army men. It also reported that "about 68,000 people have been killed since 1989 in an armed uprising and subsequent crackdown by Indian armed forces. While the armed rebellion has largely been suppressed, Kashmir sees frequent flares of violence as demands for independence or Kashmir's merger with Pakistan gains momentum".

The number of people unofficial sources recorded exceeds one hundred thousand excluding thousands disappeared or consumed in Indian torture chambers. The number of women and children raped is unprecedented and property razed worth billions. Indian army perpetrator of 60 Battalion of the Territorial Army was arrested by local police while fleeing from house of a Kashmiri woman after committing the crime of rape. Such unabated situations a routine never see the light of the day after sham investigations are ordered.

Thousands have perished in fake encounters and one glaring example of April 2010 an eye opener and a significant event when a Court of Inquiry recommended that six military personnel, including a Colonel, were to be court-martialled. The heinous crime of fake encounters ended the lives of Shahzad Ahmad Khan, Riyaz Ahmad Lone and Mohammad Shafi Lone who had gone missing in April 2010 after they went looking for an army job. The outcome of the court-martial was never known or sentences, if any, never carried out.

Over five hundred Kashmiri families of missing persons filed cases before state Human Rights

Panel seeking that DNA tests be conducted on thousands of unmarked graves discovered. Army opposed any such move and the government refused to exhume bodies found in the graves to ascertain their identity. The explanation given by authorities that the buried in the graves are all 'terrorists' was a futile attempt of crimes committed malevolently. In a brazen manner, as usual, government did not come forth with any proof or evidence to corroborate their conclusion. Over the years thousands have disappeared, eliminated after taken into custody and buried as anonymous and unknown.

The civil court case instituted against army for raping fifty Kashmiri women in 1991 resulted in unending misery as traumatised families looking for justice braved harassment and intimidation of army who frightened inhabitants with the pretext of allegations of arms and ammunition dumps reported in the area. Abdul Samad Dar, a village elder, told Anadolu Agency. "The army told us that they had information that guns and ammunition were present in our village and they would need to carry search operations".

Xinhua News Agency reports (July 15, 2014) that a New Delhi based journalist, Ved Prakash Vaidik kicked up a row stating that "India and Pakistan should stop fighting over Kashmir and make it an independent nation". It is noteworthy that the journalist held a meeting with Pakistan's Hafiz Sayed a hard-line religious group leader considered by India to be the mastermind of 2008 Mumbai attacks that claimed 166 lives. The allegation has since been refuted by Sayed challenging India to provide any evidence for the claim.

Many in India & Pakistan believe that such feelers are made public to gauge the reaction of people on both sides as the international pressure to find a solution to Kashmir problem is mounting. A lot of blood has already been spilled and sixty six years of unending struggle for independence by people of Kashmir goes on involving future generations with vigour and commitment. Kashmir being a nuclear

flashpoint is worrisome for the international community as ignoring the situation can undoubtedly be devastating and catastrophic.

The right thinking philanthropists of India and Pakistan consider peace as vitally important for the two countries to live like friends and brothers creating an atmosphere at least on the pattern that exists between US and Canada. The benevolent also believe that Kashmir problem needs to be resolved as per the wish of Kashmiris. The question asked is that how long anyone can force maintenance of the political status-quo in Kashmir ruling it with the barrel of gun?

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The general public wholly depends on the information allowed for consumption and policy directions formulated to be followed by the media circles in the broader national interest. People of India, unfortunately, are fed with information that is far from truth and it is expected that an established vibrant democracy gives people the right to know everything about anything that happens on local or international level. The problem of Kashmir as projected and given to understand to people of India can be based mainly on the following arguments which, in fairness to public in general, is understood to be the gospel truth.

Kashmir has its share of writers, academicians and intellectuals who, under the prevailing circumstances, compulsorily prefer to maintain a low profile. There is no dearth of talent. But writing or expressing oneself in a free and fair environment makes the job easy. This is especially when one does not have to go through trauma and fear of facing reprisals in the form of arrests under preventive detention and or fear of dreaded disappearances culture as the law enforcement agencies are immune as empowerment through draconian laws means that no one is answerable.

A desperate and frantic effort for the search did not yield any results and Ishtiyaq's family helplessly have to endure pain and agony inflicted by callous perpetrators.

Another Kashmiri victim Amin Ganaie targeted reportedly disappeared and hasn't been traced since November, 2013. Amin's father in frustration said, I have been roaming from pillar to post to trace my son but nobody from civil and police administration is cooperating or helping me. We registered a complaint at Mahindra Park police station in Delhi but Delhi police did not take the matter seriously.

VICTIMS OF THE UNMARKED GRAVES



Thousands of men, women and children have disappeared as Indian army's usual trait is to pick up on sight people of all ages including women who get consumed in torture chambers. Most of them get killed facing unbearable torture and are dispensed in unidentified graves. The women picked up are gang-raped, killed and dumped in graves which cannot even be identified. The rape is used as a weapon to humiliate the populace brazenly and shamelessly.

Local or International Human Right Groups are never allowed to visit Kashmir as India's fake secular and democratic image gets exposed and puts it into an embarrassing situation. International community must force India to allow these organizations to visit unhindered to take stock of the situation. India must not be allowed to commit these heinous crimes and atrocities with impunity.

KASHMIR MLA CALLS INDIAN PROBES A JOKE

Member Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Langate, Engineer Rashid condemned firing on civilians in Pulwama, Kashmir and said that the incident was an eye-opener for those who gave Kashmiris sermons of peace and non-violence and that use of force against civilian protestors could be justified by saying that they were pelting stones. IGP (Inspector General Police) Kashmir Shiv Murari Sahai confessed that use of force could have been avoided and emphasized need to take stern action against those who were always in search of an opportunity to quench their thirst for human blood. Rejecting the magisterial probe into such incidents had become a symbol of joke, cheating and denial in Kashmir. Rising Kashmir: Dec 29, 2012

Rashid the victim of COVID-19 is no more, unfortunately

NEW INDIAN WEAPON THE PEPPER GAS

Yasmina hailing from Wantpora, Hawal in downtown Srinagar was rushed to the hospital after developing complications due to exposure to *pepper gas* used by Indian troops to quell the uprising. The pregnant lady was operated upon and her foetus terminated. It is reported that the placenta was removed by the surgeons after administration of anaesthesia. The State Human Right Commission, while taking cognizance of news reports about use of pepper gas and its harmful effects unsuccessfully urged Indian army to stop the use of pepper gas. Besides, the experts and doctors, while warning about the harmful and hazardous effect, have termed it as life threatening. (Ishfaq Tantry, Srinagar, March 18, 2013).

RAZED PROPERTY BY ROGUE INDIAN ARMY IN STAGED GUN BATTLES



While tens of thousands of army and paramilitary troops are deployed in Kashmir more than 500 members of India's army are accused of human rights abuses in a damning report on conflict in Kashmir. The offences detailed in the report by leading human right groups include custody deaths, abduction, torture and rape. Army, police and paramilitary officers of senior rank are among those named.

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